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HAIL STORM Thousand Acres of Wheat Destroyed

Hail storms, the bugaboo of the wheat raiser, have been very scarce here this summer but the first one landed Sunday night and destroyed several fields of wheat damaging other crops in some localities and ruining the roofs of a number of houses.

J. L. Swaim reports continuous hail for more than half an hour at his place and lumps of ice more than an inch in diameter were drifted in heaps and still lying on the ground by the wagon load next morning. His crop was badly smashed but he hopes the moisture will bring it on and repair the damage in a large degree.

Many fields in that vicinity were hailed out and the ripe wheat pounded into the ground but no stock was killed or is not reported. The hail covered a strip 2 miles wide and 12 miles long starting a mile south of Geo. Cochranes and stopping just north of Chicosa ranch. Another hail strip caught Frank White and some of his neighbors, and George Ray coming in from the new bridge on the river reports hail piled up in huge piles at the bridge site. Roy had only a sprinkle and the country to the south and east missed it all. It is going to be a season of suspense for wheat farmers until the wheat is in stack and bean growers will not really pray for hail along with their rain.

One of the heaviest losses was on the farm of Mrs. Earl Tribble of Mt. Vernon, Indiana. 100 acres of the best wheat on the mesa was a total loss, the house occupied by the Merrill Bros. was so wrecked that it had to be re-roofed and repaired before they could live in it. The loss is estimated between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

Prof. Russell found 15 acres of his wheat destroyed by the hail storm but the rest of the crop on his farm uninjured.

Ad Harrison had his crop destroyed by hail for the third year in succession. He had hail insurance this time and will get a rebate on his loss.

"Casey" White reports \$2,500. damage at his place in 15 minutes. One lump of ice came through the roof into the house, breaking through the middle of an inch board covered with rubberoid.

Jess Davenport reports about half his wheat threshed out of the heads by the hail storm. He will thresh the rest of it.

Pete Gibson's farm was also in the hail belt. His house was damaged and the crop destroyed.

J. R. Melton's farm was in the very center of the hail belt. His crop was pounded into the ground and his house and barn nearly destroyed. Both buildings had to be repaired before they could be occupied.

Prof. Russell found plenty of mud and evidence of hail on his Route trip Monday. The hail cut into his wheat some but most of it was uninjured.

Will Dunn was another victim of the hail. It destroyed his bean field utterly. He is cheerful about it and has contracted the job of painting Dr. Self's Hospital and several other jobs and is thankful he has two hands and a trusty paint brush left.

Fred Mefferts wheat was hailed on and about half destroyed.

Gets Better Job

Miss Eugenia Roy has sent in her resignation to the Roy School Board as teacher of the 5th and 6th grades, and has accepted a position elsewhere this fall. It is a matter of regret to the many patrons of the Roy School that she will not return but we cannot hold her from a larger field of usefulness.

Miss Roy made a splendid record in the Roy schools. Her grades were kept to the highest point of proficiency in the regular course and in addition she and the children under her charge gave the school a library of over 200 books with book cases to keep them in and did much educationally outside the regular work. Miss Roy has left a decided influence for good with her pupils here which will never be forgotten. She is attending Summer School in Denver this summer and fitting herself for the higher salaried positions to which she aspires.

She is to be succeeded by Miss Hoelz, of Madison, Minnesota, who has taught several years in New Mexico Schools and has recommendations indicating she will be a worthy successor to the position.

Dr. O. A. Sales, of St. Louis Mo. arrived last week and is associated with Dr. C. Plumlee in his hospital work and practice here. Dr. Sales comes with the highest recommendation as a surgeon and general practitioner.

John O. Gallegos and wife came home from Denver Saturday and will live on their ranch for a time. Jack has been employed in the city gas plant in Denver for the past year and kept a string on his job in case he wants to go back.

Woleott Russel called Monday and left the address of the Recreation Room, where the boys all go to read the home papers for us to send the S.A. to at Fort Bliss. He says there are 20 or more boys in the Accounting Department with him who left good positions with from \$100. to \$150 a month to enter the Government service. He has improved in health and appearance more than the difference in salary and hopes the scrap will be settled before the boys have to move of them go across.

Commissioner W. H. Wilcox and wife returned Friday from their trip to Denver in their car. They had rain and muddy roads most of the time they were gone and were surprised to find it dry here still.

O. H. Bedd, writes from U. S. Navy Training Station at San Diego, to friends here sending his picture in "Jackie" uniform the asking for a copy of the S.A. Says it will look good to him or anything else from Roy would be welcome. He is training and will soon be chasing "U-Boats."

A little five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wagner, of Palouse Valley was kicked in the head by a mule Tuesday and so seriously injured that the brain was exposed. She was taken to Dawson by Dr. Self for an operation in the hope of saving her life.

Miss Adelia, Lucero, of Santa Fe, daughter of Evaristo Lucero of Union County, left Monday after a pleasant visit with friends here.

Jesus Romero, left Thursday for Ft. Bliss to enlist in the Infantry.

Waggoner-Davenport

Will Davenport, Cheffeur, for the Roy Garage, called on us Wednesday and rented a house. The idea seemed to be "Preparedness" for later in the evening he started to Raton in the new "Dodge" accompanied by Miss Minnie Waggoner, and we have every reason to believe when they return they will start house keeping together.

We have been expecting this for a long time and are more than well pleased with this ending of a pretty little romance. Will is a prince of good fellows and one of Roy's best young men. He is retiring N. G. of the I. O. O. F. Lodge in Roy and he has driven a car over about all the roads in Northern N. M.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Waggoner, of Mills and has a homestead of her own in the Palouse country. She has been with her sister, Mrs. J. F. Arnett, at the Home Restaurant in Roy, where she has been indispensable in the dining room for a long time.

The S.A. but voices a universal sentiment when it expresses for them the hope for happiness, beyond their most rosy dreams, and prosperity to match.

They will beat home after the prescribed probational period, at the Mrs. T. M. Ogden residence on the West Side.

Mrs. Al. S. Hanson submitted to an operation at Dr. Plumlee's Hospital Wednesday afternoon. She rallied nicely and is getting along fine with every prospect for complete recovery.

Mrs. Fan Dietterich is holding down a job as time-keeper for the Bridge crew at Red River. She rides eight miles from her home to the river and back twice each day, does her book work and helps run the farm besides. This would be strenuous work for some ladies but not for her.

Mrs. J. Floersheim returned Saturday from a visit with her son, J. C. Floersheim and other friends in Springer.

Mrs. F. A. Roy returned Saturday from Mora, where she attended the second meeting of the County School Board last week.

The sheep men are just beginning the delivery of the wool clip for this season and the store rooms will soon be filled with wool sacks. There will be less wool to market than in previous years.

Prof. Carrol Belknap, of the public schools of Capitan, N. M. has been visiting his parents, Agent and Mrs. C. C. Belknap, at the depot in Roy the past week or more.

Misses Nettie and Vivia Griner accompanied their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norman to Ute Park last week where they are camping, fishing and having the right sort of outing. The Normans drove in last week in their car and will visit here for awhile on their return.

Harmony Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, plans to initiate seven new members into the Lodge, Friday evening, July 20th, and also to install officers for the coming term. A good time is planned and it is hoped it will be possible for all members to be present. This is your invitation if you have had no other.

Mrs. Renfro, of the South Western Hotel, went to Las Vegas Tuesday.

HELP THE RED CROSS HELP THESE PEOPLE



New Postoffice

Postmaster Wm. G. Johnson received directions last week to move the postoffice to the North room of the new Floersheim block. He will remain in the old building until the new fixtures arrive and are in place. The Floersheim Co. has ordered a \$2,500.00 set of fixtures by telegraph and when installed and occupied Roy will have as large a Postoffice as any town in this part of the state. The room is built especially for a Post office with large vault, and side door for carriers, concrete floor and good light. It is lighted electrically and heated by steam from the plants installed in the building. A ten year lease has been accepted by the Department and with a fire-proof modern building it is a source of pride to all who are interested in Roy.

Mrs. P. P. Branch, and daughters, Anna and Tillie were called to Taos, this week by the illness of Mr. Branch's brother's wife, Mrs. Isabelita Branch of Rincon. Meantime Carlos and Feiny are batching it at home.

Mrs. Rev. Russel accompanied her son, Wolcott, to Tucumcari Tuesday on his return to Fort Bliss.

Y P S C E will be led by Miss Opal Scott next Sunday evening. An interesting program is arranged and all are invited.

B. Gantert has been appointed Agricultural Agent for Mora County by the state through the Agricultural College. A news story says he has been learning at the feet of M. R. Gonzales of San Miguel Co. so, if he don't know much about farming he is in the right road to learn.



A meeting of all persons interested in the Red Cross Movement will be held at the Church in Roy Monday, July 23rd, at 2.30 P. M. for the purpose of organizing a Chapter. Your presence is needed.

Telegrams at Half Rates. All official messages between Red Cross chapters and the American Red Cross headquarters at Washington may now be sent at half rates. This is a courtesy by the Postal and the Western Union companies. The next step would seem to be the franking of all official mail, not only between Washington and chapters, but inter-chapter business. This can come only through congressional action.

Have You Joined Yet? The Red Cross now has more than 1,200 regularly organized chapters in the United States, with considerably more than 2,000,000 members.

Mrs. Gertrude Hedgecock and two sons, Miss Leora Hall and Grandma McCurdy returned Tuesday from Guthrie, Okla. where they have been visiting several months. They are glad to get back to the high mesa and away from the intense heat, 112 in the shade at times.

Over 1000 acres of wheat is destroyed and as much more summer crop damaged.

A. V. Waggoner, of Palouse Valley was in town Monday. He was hit by the hail storm but not seriously hurt.

O'CONNOR, RED CROSS CHASER OF CYCLONES

The world is full of rainbow chasers, but the one and only official cyclone chaser is John J. O'Connor, director of the central division of the American Red Cross, with headquarters at Chicago. The Red Cross Magazine has graphically told how he personally administered relief at Newcastle and New Albany, Ind., when those cities were wrecked by storms. But it is not generally known that, beginning with the disaster at Mattoon and Charleston, where 99 lives were lost, Mr. O'Connor directed relief work in 55 communities scattered over seven states! Not only did he get calls for help from several of the nine states then in his division, but Washington ordered him to take over the cyclone relief work in Kansas and Oklahoma, which ordinarily are administered from Denver.

MAKE YOUR CHOICE—IT'S RED CROSS OR IRON CROSS

One of the most striking phrases expressive of the duty of every American to uphold the Red Cross is that of J. Roe Panchase, editor of a trade paper in Chicago. Here is what he tells his readers:

"You'd better bear the Red Cross burden now than bear the Iron Cross burden all the rest of your life."

Never was spoken a truer word. The first appeal of the Red Cross was for \$100,000,000, which means about \$1 per capita. This fund is for the care of sick and wounded soldiers, and the destitute in war-devastated lands.

But when the German heel is stamped down upon a land—Belgium, Serbia, Poland, Roumania, France—as far as the crown prince has been able to go—there is no such thing as a contribution; it is confiscation. Why, more money has been ravished from the one city of Brussels than the Red Cross asked for its whole first year campaign. Millions of dollars in "fines" are taken from every Belgian city every month. Only a few weeks ago a fine of millions was imposed on Brussels because a newspaper published by Belgians in England had printed a story of German savagery.